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Wichita City Manager Robert Layton The Wichita City Council set several strategic priorities which serve as the guiding principles for City government.

They include:

City Leadership

- >> Keeping Wichita Safe
- >>> Building Dependable Infrastructure
-)) Growing Wichita's Economy
- Living Well
- >> Wichita: A Well-Run City

This report highlights the City of Wichita's 2016 accomplishments in each of those areas and provides a look ahead at the City's 2017 goals.



AIRPORT

-)) 4th Best Small Airport in the U.S. (national survey of 200,000 passengers)
- Ad Astra Outstanding Achievement Award, Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Outstanding Engineering Achievement Award, WSPE
- Award of Excellence, AGCK

FINANCE

- Distinguished Budget Award (28th consecutive year), GFOA
- >>> Certificate of Distinction for Performance Measurement, ICMA
- Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award (15 years), NPI
- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (43rd consecutive year), GFOA

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Digital Cities Award for Innovative Use of Technology
- What Works Cities Engagement Award, Bloomberg

LIBRARY

- Innovation Award for Customer Experience, ULC
- >>> Friend of Education Award, CKPE Task Force

PARK & RECREATION

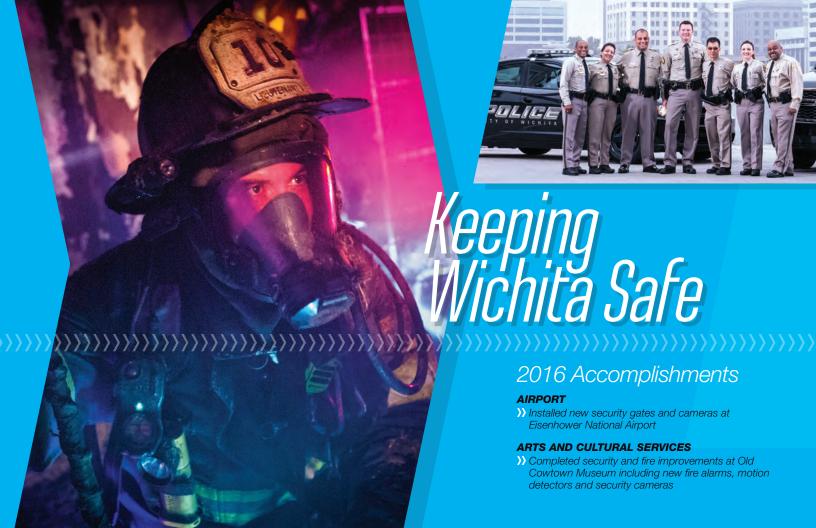
-)) Award of Excellence (Chinese Friendship Garden), AGCK
- >> New and Innovative Park Project Program Award (No Mow Native and Wildflower Zone), KRPA
- Outstanding New and Innovative Sports Program (Foot Golf), KRPA

PLANNING

>>> Pioneer Award (Wichita-Sedgwick County) Community Investments Plan 2015-2035). APA Kansas Chapter

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

- Notable Fleet Award, APWA and Government Fleet Magazine
-)) Gold Peak Performance Award (Wastewater Plants 2, 3 and 4), NACWA
- Best in Craft Award (Wastewater Plant 3) for Rehabilitation and Improvement, DBIA-MAR
- Concrete Construction Award (Market Street Parking Garage), ACI Kansas Chapter
- >> National Award of Merit (Equus Beds ASR Program), DBIA
-)) 3 Star Community (Environmental Health and CMO). STAR Communities





FIRE

-)> Contained fires to room of origin 75.9% of the time (exceeding national benchmark of 51.9%)
- Arrived on scene in less than four minutes 68% of the time
- » Participated in 1,200 plus community risk reduction programs, completed 7,000 plus code inspections and responded to 55,000 emergency calls
-)) Purchased three new vehicles to update an aging fleet, improve service dependability and reduce maintenance expenses



MUNICIPAL COURT

-) Assisted 162 residents by removing 377 convictions from their records during Clean Slate Day
-)) Funded day reporting services for eligible defendants in lieu of jail, reducing crime and saving ~\$52,000/month
-)) Implemented new screening tool to optimize supervision and treatment of defendants, reducing recidivism by 15%

PARK & RECREATION

)) Installed security systems and cameras with IT support at McAdams, Edgemoor, Woodard, Evergreen, Linwood and Orchard recreation centers

PLANNING

Completed the Wichita Street Safety Education initiative

POLICE

-)) Helped more than 200 homeless people find housing through Oct. 30, doubling the goal
-)) Launched Old Town safety plan to include cameras, staffing and other security enhancements
- >>> Solved 30 of 31 homicides year to date
-)> Placed six officers in the South and North Broadway corridor to address crime and quality of life issues
- >> Initiated a volunteer program to help enforce handicapped parking violations

2017 Goals

AIRPORT

-)> Install additional security gates, cameras and a controlled-access entrance
-)) Install emergency call boxes in the parking garage and surface lots

FIRE

) Implement pilot program to improve response times for medical and other emergency calls

PARK & RECREATION

-)> Upgrade lighting at recreation center parking lots
-)) Install security systems and cameras at remaining recreation centers and O.J. Watson Park

POLICE

- Continue to work with partners to add more security cameras in Old Town
-)) Improve traffic enforcement to address problem locations, DUIs and fatalities





2016 Accomplishments

AIRPORT

- >>> Installed additional sidewalks to improve pedestrian access and safety
-)) Completed the design and bidding for a new system to improve cell phone service within the terminal

LIBRARY

>> Began construction of the Advanced Learning Library, opening 2018

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

- >>> Removed City-maintained lead pipes that previously provided water service
-) Initiated Kellogg-Greenwich and I-35 interchange project, expanding Kellogg to a six-lane freeway, improving interchanges and driver safety
-)> Completed analysis of the stormwater drainage system
-)> Launched innovative project to optimize future water and sewer operations and resources
-)) Began new fleet maintenance model that focuses on the most efficient way to replace vehicles

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

>> Sold Hyatt Regency Wichita for \$20M, funding streets, transit, and other improvements

2017 Goals

LIBRARY

>>> Initiate branch improvements based on updated master plan

PARK & RECREATION

- >> Develop and implement a long-term plan to update recreation centers
- >> Adopt aquatics master plan and complete design

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

- >> Improve the condition of residential streets funded by Hyatt sale (\$10M)
- >>> Replace 20 miles of neighborhood water mains
-)) Conduct condition assessment of City buildings and facilities
-)> Complete biennial bridge inspection of nearly 280 bridges to develop long term repair and replacement plans





ARTS AND CULTURAL SERVICES

)) Generated \$2.5M in gross ticket sales to Wicked, estimated economic impact of \$8.7M

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

>>> Partnered with Spirit AeroSystems on a new pipeline to reuse treated wastewater for manufacturing, preserving public water supply and reducing costs for the state's largest employer

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

-)) Led efforts to retain and expand Cargill, a maior employer in downtown Wichita
- >> Spearheaded development on the west bank of the Arkansas River including a planned pedestrian bridge and major improvements to the Lawrence Dumont Stadium area
- >> Supported the expansion and financing of the Stryker soccer complex into a year-round multisport attraction
- >>> Guided redevelopment of Douglas & Hillside and Delano Catalyst sites which feature more than 10 acres of new, mixeduse space, resulting in more than \$70M in capital investment
- Negotiated service agreements to develop economic development opportunities for Wichita businesses in Mexico

2017 Goals

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

>>> Support regional economic development efforts including Blueprint for Regional Economic Growth, Wichita State University Innovation Campus and Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce







2016 Accomplishments

LAW

- Revised ordinances regulating the Big Arkansas River in preparation for further development and recreational activity
- Drafted new ordinance to better regulate food trucks operating in the city

LIBRARY

-)) Upgraded library computer systems to enable new features such as "amount saved" receipts and e-book integration
- Implemented online reading program registration and tracking system

PARK & RECREATION

- Replaced iconic train at O.J. Watson Park
- Resurfaced tennis and athletic courts, added a new turf baseball field and repaired dugouts and bleachers at McAdams Park
- Resurfaced tennis and athletic courts in Fairmount and Friendship Park; added Futsol court at Fairmount Park
- Constructed an interactive water feature/ splash pad at Buffalo Park
- Installed a perimeter exercise and walking path at Orchard Park



PLANNING

-)) Constructed 6.4 miles of bicycle paths Woodchuck bikeway: Market and Topeka bike lanes from Kellogg to Mt. Vernon)
-)) Completed bicycle wayfinding plan to ease navigation

POLICE

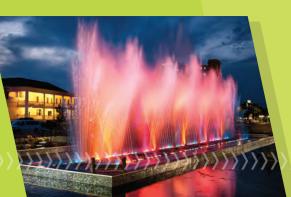
- >> Hosted the nationally recognized First Steps Cookout at McAdams Park, a citywide event designed to improve community relations
- >>> Spearheaded approval of an ordinance to give residents and police a more effective tool to combat repeated property violations

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

- Maintained compliance with federal clean air requirements through the regional Ozone Advance Program
- >> Reduced dust near schools through a series of dust mitigation activities
- Renovated Keeper of the Plains to enhance aesthetics and safety

TRANSIT

-)) Implemented a new route and fare structure to simplify the system and promote prepaid long-term passes
-)) Introduced a new, cost-effective paratransit model
-)> Launched the MyStop Mobile transit app and a mobile-friendly website, connecting riders to real-time route information
-)> Partnered with Envision to install Bluetooth beacons on each bus stop sign, a first-of-itskind project enabling the visually impaired to find the correct bus stop





-) Installed 1,200 bus stop signs across the community to transition to a designated stop system
- >> Purchased nine new buses to replace an aging fleet

HOUSING

-)) Increased service to 208 households in the Veterans' Affairs Supportive Housing program to advance the Mayor's challenge to end veteran homelessness
-)> Added 75 new landlords to the Housing Choice Voucher program, processed 2,374 household applications and issued 570 new housing vouchers
- Partnered with 30 employers to provide 120 jobs to public housing teenagers through The Way to Work Summer Youth Employment program
- › Hosted 200 residents at the first housing expo to promote neighborhood stability and access to housing resources

2017 Goals

AIRPORT

- Work with TSA and others to locate a pre-check enrollment area
-)) Build a service animal and pet relief area in the terminal
- Solicit sponsorship to install a nursing station in the terminal
-)> Partner with Doc's Friends toward construction of a permanent home for the historic B-29 aircraft

HOUSING

-)> Reduce urban blight through rehabilitating commercial space and assisting business owners
- Maintain housing affordability for residents earning 80 percent or less of the area's median income

LIBRARY

-)> Partner with Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas to increase employment services in designated library locations
- >> Implement a new early literacy initiative to enhance school readiness
-)) Coordinate a federal grant focused on the history of race and ethnicity, in partnership with the Wichita Police Department and the Urban League

PARK & RECREATION

>>> Support the growth of recreation and sports activities. working with partners

PLANNING

- >>> Support infill development within the core area of the city
-)) Update Delano Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (2001)

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

)) Improve drought resiliency with improvement to the City's water rights permits

TRANSIT

-) Identify a sustainable longterm funding source for transit services
-)) Collaborate with businesses. educational institutions, and others to promote transit, paratransit and ridership
-)) Improve routes, and add benches and shelters to improve customer experience
- >>> Expand Q-Line service to meet community needs and maximize ridership



2016 Accomplishments

FINANCE

-)) Saved more than \$57.6 million by continuing to refinance City debt
-)) Enhanced customer service by expanding online licensing options for garage sales, certain business licenses and dog license renewals
-)) Engaged the public during the annual social media town hall, generating more than 194,000 page views and 600 comments

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Launched the open data policy to support transparency, efficiency and engagement

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LAW

- >>> Updated fire, sign, alcohol, and Old Town entertainment codes to ensure compliance and public safety
- >>> Partnered with WPD to regulate massage businesses and combat human trafficking
- >> Updated telecommunication franchise agreements, recovering revenue

2017 Goals

FINANCE

Manage new zero-based budgeting process focusing on core services, efficiencies and accountability

- >> Implement a modern payroll and budget system
-)) Establish performance-based contracting in new areas including right-of-way and park mowing

FIRE

Continue fleet and technology modernization to ensure reliable emergency communications

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

>>> Spearhead the redesign of wichita.gov to better serve customers

LAW

-)) Move to more efficient and costeffective electronic records system
- Develop system to more effectively track claims
- >>> Update panhandling ordinance to comply with current case law

MUNICIPAL COURT

)) Implement technology enhancements to provide better customer service



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